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Group art unit: 3681
Examiner: Ha Dinh Ho

In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s): Hideaki GOUDA et al.)
Serial No.: 10/566,442)
Filing date: January 31, 2006)
For: HYBRID VEHICLE AND METHOD OF)
CONTROLLING THE VEHICLE)
Atty. ref.: GOT 228NP)

**INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT AND
CERTIFICATION**

August 10, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Examiner Ho:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), i.e. prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

Listed for consideration on the attached form PTO-1449 are three U.S. patents, which were cited in the attached European Search Report, dated June 6, 2007, which was issued in connection with the corresponding European application. Any relevance of these U.S. patents is self-evident.

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Should any fee be required, however, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and is requested to advise us accordingly.

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US PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	US-6,526,931 B1	03/04/2003	Vilou			
	AB	US-6,492,741 B1	12/10/2002	Morimoto et al.			
	AC	US-6,532,926 B1	03/18/2003	Kuroda et al.			

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